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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to retrieve information that contains name and relationship information, the method ~~comprising~~ consisting of:

accepting a search request from a single text-entry field of a user interface associated with a database, the search request comprising a plurality of text characters, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a first name identifier, one or more of the text characters specify a second name identifier, and one or more of the text characters specify a relationship between the first name identifier and the second name identifier;

using the search request to retrieve one or more search results, wherein each search result contains the first name identifier, the second name identifier, and information representing the specified relationship between the first name identifier and the second name identifier; and

displaying in the user interface the first name identifier for each search result in textual form.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the method~~ using the search request to retrieve one or more search results comprises using the search request to retrieve the one or more search results from an external database system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the external database system contains additional information.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the method~~ using the search request to retrieve one or more search results comprises using the search request to retrieve the one or more search results from a memory.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the second name identifier is a personal name identifier, wherein the specified relationship is a contact relationship, and wherein the first name identifier is an organizational identifier.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first name identifier contains a wildcard character.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the specified relationship is a working business relationship between the first name identifier and the second name identifier.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the specified relationship is a location relationship between the first name identifier and the second name identifier.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first name identifier is a location name identifier, an organization name identifier, or a personal name identifier.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium containing executable instructions for performing a method to retrieve information that contains name and relationship information, the method comprising consisting of:

accepting a search request from a single text-entry field of a user interface associated with a database, the search request comprising a plurality of text characters, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a first name identifier, one or more of the text characters specify a second name identifier, and one or more of the text characters specify a relationship between the first name identifier and the second name identifier;

using the search request to retrieve one or more search results, wherein each search result contains the first name identifier, the second name identifier, and information representing the specified relationship between the first name identifier and the second name identifier; and

displaying in the user interface the first name identifier for each search result in textual form.

17-28. (Canceled)